

REMARKS

Claims 26-144 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of continuing applications. These claims have specifically been cancelled in accordance with Applicant's election of the claims of Group I. Claims 1-25 and 145-221 are pending. Claims 1-3, 145, 159, 160, and 180-183 have been amended by removing subject matter that was directed to a non-elected invention. Furthermore, minor typographical errors were also corrected. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the references submitted with Information Disclosure Statements and associated Forms PTO-1449 on October 22 and November 15, 2001, and to initial the Forms PTO-1449 where indicated.

Applicants also request that the Examiner consider the supplemental IDS submitted herewith and the references cited therein. This supplemental IDS discloses applications co-owned by the assignees of the subject application, one of which (U.S. Serial No. 09/895,871) has been rejected for obviousness type double patenting in view of the subject application. The Examiner has also been responsible for the '871 application.

The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-2114 if he believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

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